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Attorney or Party Name, Address, Telephone & FAX Nos., State Bar No. & Email Address SAM S. LESLIE, CPA 1130 S. Flower Street. Suite 312 Los Angeles, CA 90015 213/987-5780 – Telephone 213/987-5763 – Facsimile Email: trustee@trusteeleslie.com Proposed Accountant for Nancy H. Zamora, Chapter 7 Trustee	FILED NOV 17 2025 CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BY: Deputy Clerk			
Attorney for Movant(s)				
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - NORTHERN DIVISION				
In re:	CASE NO.: 9:25-bk-10686-RC			
	CHAPTER: 7			
TODD STUART KAPLAN,	CHAPTER. 7			
	DECLARATION THAT NO PARTY REQUESTED A HEARING ON MOTION LBR 9013-1(o)(3)			
Debtor(s).	[No Hearing Required]			
 I am the ⋈ Movant(s) or ☐ attorney for Movant(s) or ☐ employed by attorney for Movant(s). On (date): 10/22/2025 Movant(s) filed a motion or application (Motion) entitled: Application by Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora, Chapter 7 Trustee for Approval to Employ LEA Accountancy, LLP as Accountant 				
3. A copy of the Motion and notice of motion is attached to this declaration.				

- 4. On (date): 10/22/2025 Movant(s), served a copy of ⊠ the notice of motion or □ the Motion and notice of motion on required parties using the method(s) identified on the Proof of Service of the notice of motion.
- 5. Pursuant to LBR 9013-1(o), the notice of motion provides that the deadline to file and serve a written response and request for a hearing is 14 days after the date of service of the notice of motion, plus 3 additional days if served by mail, or pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5(b)(2)(D) or (F).
- 6. More than 17 days have passed after Movant(s) served the notice of motion.
- 7. I checked the docket for this bankruptcy case and/or adversary proceeding, and no response and request for hearing was timely filed.
- 8. No response and request for hearing was timely served on Movant(s) via Notice of Electronic Filing, or at the street address, email address, or facsimile number specified in the notice of motion.

9. Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to LBR 9013-1(o), a hearing is not required.

Movant(s) requests that the court grant the motion and enter an order without a hearing.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: ////// 702 \$

Signature

Sam S. Leslie

Printed name

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    In re
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    TODD STUART KAPLAN,
                                     ) APPLICATION BY NANCY HOFFMEIER
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                                     ) ZAMORA, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE,
                          Debtor.
                                       FOR APPROVAL TO EMPLOY LEA
                                     ) ACCOUNTANCY, LLP AS ACCOUNTANT
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                                     ) [No Hearing Unless Requested;
                                       Local Bankruptcy Rule 2014-1]
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         Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora, Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee") for
    the above-captioned bankruptcy estate hereby applies to the
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    Court for approval to employ LEA Accountancy, LLP as accountant
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    and respectfully represents as follows:
              On May 22, 2025, Todd Stuart Kaplan ("Debtor") filed a
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    voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the
    United States Code commencing the above-captioned bankruptcy case
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    which is assigned Case No. 9:25-bk-10686-RC (the "Case").
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              Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora was appointed as the Chapter
    7 Trustee on May 22, 2025, and accepted such appointment
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- 4. For all the foregoing and all other necessary and proper purposes, the Trustee desires to retain LEA Accountancy, LLP ("LEA") as her accountant. Trustee is requesting that LEA's employment be effective as of the date services were first requested, October 20, 2025. (LEA's resume highlighting the qualifications of the professionals that may work on this case is attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.) LEA's professional services as are appropriate in this case, may include the following:
- (a) review the Debtor's prior accounting and tax records, the petition, schedules and the estate's documents related to its financial transactions;
- (b) review and analysis of the estate's financial transactions to determine the appropriate (and most beneficial to the estate) treatment for tax purposes, including capital gains calculations, consideration of tax attributes inherited from the Debtor and other tax considerations;
- (c) assist the Trustee in the preparation and filing of the estate's Federal and California corporate income tax returns to reflect the transactions of the estate and, if necessary, preparation of any delinquent tax returns that may be

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- (1) assisting in gather and organizing Debtor's documents in order to analyze and investigate avoidable transfers made by the Debtor, including preferential and fraudulent transfers; and
- (m) perform any other financial analysis, investigation, consulting general and/or forensic accounting services as requested by the Trustee. Address any other tax matters which may be requested by the Trustee to properly administer the estate and maintain tax compliance.
- 5. Trustee proposes that LEA be employed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and compensated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a) on an hourly basis with reasonable fees to be approved by application to the Court after proper notice and hearing. only source of payment of compensation to LEA will be from the estate. No retainer or other payment has been made or is requested and, apart from this Application and subsequent order, there will be no other written or separate agreement for employment. A schedule of the fees charged by LEA to all of its clients is attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference. LEA reserves the right to change its hourly rates from time to time in accordance with its usual terms and conditions as communicated to Trustee. The only source of payment of compensation to LEA will be from the estate.
- 6. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge and set forth in the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie, LEA, the approval of whose employment is requested is a disinterested person as required by the Bankruptcy Code. See also the "Statement of Disinterested-

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ness for Employment of Professional Person Under F.R.B.P. 2014" attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

- 7. Trustee also wishes to disclose for the record that from time to time, Sam S. Leslie ("Leslie"), who is a partner in LEA and who is also a member of the Chapter 7 trustee panel in this district, may engage Trustee's firm as general bankruptcy counsel in cases where he is the trustee. Further, LEA provides accounting services for other unrelated estates under Trustee's administration. Trustee also socializes with Mr. Leslie on occasion. Billings by Trustee and Leslie to the respective estates when engaged to provide professional services are always at their usual rates. There is absolutely no fee sharing agreement or any other such arrangement between Trustee and Leslie.
- 8. Notice of the Application as required by the Local Bankruptcy Rule 2014-1(b)(2)(A) has been provided to interested parties. A true and correct copy of such Notice is attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by this reference.

WHEREFORE, Trustee respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order Approving the employment of LEA Accountancy, LLP, to render services as described herein.

Dated: October 22, 2025

DECLARATION OF NANCY HOFFMEIER ZAMORA

I, Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora, declare:

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- I am an attorney at law admitted to practice in the state of California and before this Court.
- I am the duly appointed, qualified and acting Chapter 7 Trustee for the estate of Todd Stuart Kaplan.
- In my best business judgment in my capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee and for all the reasons set forth in the accompanying Application, which are incorporated herein by this reference, I believe that I require an accountant to assist me with the accounting and tax matters relating to the administration of this estate. Although the services included in the Application are described broadly, I will engage LEA only to perform those services which are necessary for the administration of this case as the circumstances require.
- I have selected LEA Accountancy, LLP ("LEA"), to be my accountant for this estate. I am requesting that LEA's employment be effective as of the date services were first requested, October 20, 2025. LEA's resume is attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.
- I propose that LEA be employed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and seek compensation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a) on an hourly basis with reasonable fees to be approved by application to the Court after proper notice and hearing. retainer or other payment has been made or is requested and, apart from this Application and subsequent order, there will be 28 no other written or separate agreement for employment. A schedule

- of the fees charged by LEA to all of its clients is attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference. LEA reserves the right to change its hourly rates from time to time in accordance with its usual terms and conditions as communicated to Trustee. The only source of payment of compensation to LEA will be from the estate.
- 6. To the best of my knowledge, as set forth in the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie, LEA, the approval of whose employment is requested, is a "disinterested person" as required by the Bankruptcy Code. See also, the Statement of Disinterestedness for Employment of Professional Person Under F.R.B.P. 2014 which is attached to the Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 7. I also wish to disclose for the record that from time to time, Sam S. Leslie, who is a partner in LEA and who is also a member of the Chapter 7 trustee panel in this district, may engage my firm as general bankruptcy counsel in cases where he is the trustee. Further, LEA provides accounting services for other unrelated estates under my administration. I also socialize with Mr. Leslie on occasion. Billings to the respective estates when our firms are engaged to provide professional services are always at our usual rates. There is absolutely no fee sharing agreement or any other such arrangement between us.
- 8. I have provided interested parties with notice of the Application as required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 2014-1(b)(2)(A). A true and correct copy of such Notice is attached to the

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Declaration of Sam S. Leslie as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by this reference. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the above is true and correct. Executed this 22nd day of October 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

DECLARATION OF SAM S. LESLIE

I, Sam S. Leslie, declare:

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- 1. I am a certified public accountant and a partner in LEA Accountancy, LLP ("LEA"), the firm that Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora, Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee") for the estate of Todd Stuart Kaplan, proposes to employ as accountant. The Trustee and LEA are requesting that LEA's employment be effective as of the date services were first requested, October 20, 2025.
- 2. I have reviewed the file and discussed the case with the Trustee and have determined that the professional services which may be provided as requested and appropriate for this case, may include:
- (a) review the Debtor's prior accounting and tax records, the petition, schedules and the estate's documents related to its financial transactions;
- (b) review and analysis of the estate's financial transactions to determine the appropriate (and most beneficial to the estate) treatment for tax purposes, including capital gains calculations, consideration of tax attributes inherited from the Debtor and other tax considerations;
- (c) assist the Trustee in the preparation and filing of the estate's Federal and California corporate income tax returns to reflect the transactions of the estate and, if necessary, preparation of any delinquent tax returns that may be required by taxing authorities for the estate. Such delinquent tax returns can be, but are not limited to income tax, sales tax, city, county or similar tax filings;

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- (m) perform any other financial analysis, investigation, consulting general and/or forensic accounting services as requested by the Trustee. Address any other tax matters which may be requested by the Trustee to properly administer the estate and maintain tax compliance.
- 3. The Trustee has proposed, and LEA has agreed to accept, employment pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and compensation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a) on an hourly basis with reasonable fees to be approved by application to the Court after proper notice and hearing. The only source of payment of compensation to LEA will be from the estate. No retainer or other payment has been made or is requested and, apart from this Application and subsequent order, there will be no other written or separate agreement for employment.
- 4. LEA's resume is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 5. A schedule of LEA's fees charged to all of its clients is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference. LEA reserves the right to change its hourly rates from time to time in accordance with its usual terms and conditions as communicated to Trustee.
- 6. As set forth in the Statement of Disinterestedness for Employment of Professional Person Under F.R.B.P. 2014 attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference, neither LEA nor I have an interest adverse to the estate or its creditors, and are disinterested in the outcome of this Case, except that LEA will exert its best efforts to assure the highest and best results to the estate in connection with our services.

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- 7. I also wish to disclose for the record that from time to time LEA provides accounting services for other unrelated cases under the Trustee's administration. I am also a member of the Chapter 7 Trustee panel in this district and I may engage the Trustee's firm as counsel in cases where I serve as trustee. I also socialize with the Trustee on occasion. Billings to the respective estates when our firms are engaged to provide professional services are always at our usual rates. There is absolutely no fee sharing agreement or any other such arrangement between us.
- 8. LEA is familiar with the Bankruptcy Code, the bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules and shall comply with them.
- 9. Notice of the Application as required by the Local Bankruptcy Rule 2014-1(b)(2)(A) has been provided to interested parties. A true and correct copy of such Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by this reference.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the above is true and correct.

Executed this 2000 day of October 2025, at Palm Springs, California.

Sam S. Leslie

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LEA Accountancy, LLP

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LEA Accountancy's professional staff is highly trained group of individuals who are dedicated in providing bankruptcy trustees with excellent financial analysis and tax planning and preparation services. With the expertise he has honed since 1983, Sam S. Leslie, Managing Partner, provides both hands on services and supervises a staff that is experienced in federal and state tax law, the bankruptcy code and their application to the bankruptcy estate. This experience assures the trustee that the estate is tax compliant and results in lower costs for these necessary services.

Services Offered:

- Financial Analysis and Tax Planning
- Asset Analysis
- Federal, State Income and Payroll Returns
- Bankruptcy Estate Tax Filing
- Delinquent Returns
- Accounting Reconstruction
- Preference Review and Analysis
- ERISA Plan Termination
- State Board of Equalization Sales Tax

Client Base:

Bankruptcy Trustees, Partnerships, Sub-Chapter S Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, other closely held businesses and high net worth individuals.

Bankruptcy

After practicing for 8 years, LEA Accountancy diversified to provide tax and accounting services to bankruptcy trustees. LEA Accountancy is well-versed in the peculiarities of the Internal Revenue Code and its application to Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings. The firm's extensive knowledge of bankruptcy estate tax filing requirements and related procedures assure trustees of a "prompt" determination from the IRS. LEA Accountancy provides specialized attention to identifying potential federal and state tax refunds, net operating loss carryforwards and/or carrybacks, tax basis issues and asset recovery. This focus assists the trustee in maximizing recovery of monies to the bankruptcy estate while at all times focusing on the estate closing process.

With LEA trustees rely on a team of seasoned professionals who address in detail each and every compliance and tax preparation concerns. LEA's advice includes analyzing the complexities of payroll tax and sales tax issues, as well as pre-petition delinquent returns. Boxes of "meaningless paper" are organized into financial statements that often result in recoverable assets that may not have been disclosed in the bankruptcy petition and schedules. In short, LEA strives to ensure that the best possible results are achieved for the bankruptcy estate with the least amount of complication for the trustee.

LEA staff members possess a broad array of accounting experience that allows them to address complex corporate, partnership and limited liability company tax issues, as well as consolidated multi-state returns and layered partnerships.

Professional Staff

Sam S. Leslie, CPA Partner____

Mr. Leslie has extensive experience in bankruptcy oversight, having provided insolvency services since 1990 and serving as a Chapter 7 Trustee in the Central District of Los Angeles since 2003. He has worked in public accounting since 1983. In 1988, Mr. Leslie founded Leslie Accountancy (which later became known as LEA Accountancy, LLP), a full-service CPA firm serving high net worth individuals, privately owned companies and bankruptcy trustees. In addition to his bankruptcy related experience, Mr. Leslie concentrates his services in tax planning and preparation, and financial matters, including financing, acquisitions, divestitures, restructuring and other financial advice

Over the course of his career, Mr. Leslie has acquired knowledge outside of the accounting field. In his capacity as a principal and strategic advisor, Mr. Leslie founded, operated and subsequently sold numerous businesses for a profit. These operations have centered on the sale and marketing of both products and services. Examples include bagel/deli shop and catering business, print magazine and "yellow pages" like listing publications, specialty product wholesale business (i.e. candles, scents, potpourri) supplying high-end department stores, purchase, renovation and resale of real estate and owning and operating vacation rental properties.

Mr. Leslie and his partners acquired the print magazine as a turnaround proposition. When acquired it was losing \$20K a month but was generating annual revenues of \$4.5M with a staff of thirty-five plus (35+). After successful financial results were achieved by the repositioning of its two sister publications and website and performing a bottom-up review and implementing subsequent changes to the operation, the company was sold in 2006 for a significant financial return to the partners. Further, in his capacity as Chapter 7 trustee, Mr. Leslie has operated a grocery/market generating daily sales of \$30K (100 employees) where cash controls and an immediate recreation of the accounting records were of critical importance. Mr. Leslie was

previously the Trustee in an individual Chapter 7 case in which he was able to substantiality consolidate that case with approximately 43 limited liability companies in which the debtor was a principal. That case required him to manage real estate operations both in and out of state and arrange the marketing and sale of three commercial properties, six residential rental apartment buildings, ten single family residences, leased windmill farm, as well as vacant parcels land for a total of 142 parcels in the case, 92 were sold. Over the years Mr. Leslie has evaluated the viability of numerous other businesses. Mr. Leslie has extensive experience with Chapter 11 matters. He is currently serving as the Plan Agent for Art & Architecture Books of the 21st Century (DBA ACE Gallery) where he is operating pursuant to a confirmed plan of reorganization. He currently serves as the Chapter 7 Trustee for TBH19, LLC and recently, in a court supervised overbid achieved a sale of the real property owned by that debtor for \$63.1 mm. He is currently serving as the Chapter 11 Trustee is the Coldwater Development, LLC and Lydda Lud, LLC cases where the asset is approximately 65.61 acres of vacant land located in the Santa Monica Mountains above Beverly Hills, California.

With these experiences, he has learned among other things the importance of customer service, internal controls, cash flow management, marketing and income and expense matching.

Mr. Leslie received his B.S. in Business Administration from the San Diego State University in 1983. He received a CPA designation in 1986.

Marianna Falco, CPA, CFE Tax Manager and Bankruptcy Coordinator

Ms. Falco has been associated with LEA Accountancy since 2017. Prior to joining LEA Accountancy, Ms. Falco was a Tax & Compliance Manager for an International Medical Device organization. She has focused her tax work on compliance, international and cross border tax issues. She has been a practicing Fraud Examiner for 10 years conducting fraud examinations for Home Owners Associations and Partnerships.

Ms. Falco has a B.S. in Business Management and an MBA with a special emphasis in Accountancy.

Michael Kwasnowski, CPA

Tax and Accounting Specialist

Mr. Kwasnowski has been associated with LEA Accountancy since 2004. Prior to joining the firm, he was Controller at C.B.B Restaurant Group Inc (Los Angeles) from 1993 thru 2003. He was a professor of Accounting at UCLA from 1996 thru 2005. From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Kwasnowski ran his own CPA firm in Northridge, California.

Mr. Kwasnowski earned a B.S. in Business Administration from the State University of New York (Oswego) in 1978.

Terry Fussell, CPA Senior Tax Specialist

Mr. Fussell joined the professional staff of LEA Accountancy in 2004 and manages a client base consisting of insolvency, high net-worth individuals and their closely held businesses. Prior to joining LEA, he worked as a Senior Accountant at Martin Werbelow, LLP, and a Pasadena, California public accounting firm concentrating on estate and gift tax clients. During a twenty-year career based on providing tax as well as business advisory services, Mr. Fussell has served as CFO/sat on the board of directors at Nutripeak.com, Inc., a Los Angeles based sports nutrition retailer and was CFO at JLS Technology Staffing Inc in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Fussell

launched his career in 1991 as Senior Associate/Controller at Frazier & Deeter, LLC, one of Atlanta's top five CPA firms.

In addition to working with LEA Accountancy, in 2010 Mr. Fussell formed The Fussell Group, LLC, a business advisory firm.

Mr. Fussell graduated from Georgia State University (Atlanta, Georgia) with a Bachelor of Science in Finance in 1990.

Irina McDonald, CPA <u>Tax and Accounting Specialist</u>

Ms. McDonald experience includes fifteen years of accounting experience as an accounting manager and controller for a large Medical Device Company. Prior to joining LEA, she served as a Tax manager for an international Medical Device Wholesale organization where she concentrated on various compliance and tax issues. Ms. McDonald is a practicing consultant helping her clients with forensic accounting analysis, tax, and business advisory services.

Ms. McDonald graduated magna cum laude from Belorussian Polytechnic Academy and has received master's degree in civil engineering.

Thomas Ballou Partner, Business Manager

Mr. Ballou joined LEA Accountancy in 1983 and is responsible for the oversight of all aspects of business management and operations. Prior to joining the firm, he held professional service positions at Liberty Securities and Pharmavite Manufacturers, both located in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Ballou graduated with a B.S. in Computer Science from Coleman College, San Diego in 1983.

Aaron Robson Senior Accountant

Mr. Robson joined the professional staff at LEA Accountancy's predecessor, Leslie Accountancy, in 1997 as a staff accountant. In 2011 Mr. Robson joined the staff of The Rocher Group as an Accountant, Operations and Client Relationships Manager. In 2017 he has returned to the fold of LEA Accountancy as a Senior Accountant. With two decades of experience in the accounting field his primary services have included forensic accounting, income tax preparation and QuickBooks management.

Mr. Robson graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Accounting and Finance from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1992

Austin P. Martin, CFE Bankruptcy Accountant

Mr. Martin's professional experience includes three years as an accountant and accounting manager primarily performing audits and compilations, as well as financial statement and income tax preparation for a wide range of business entities with a focus on non-profit and exempt organizations. Additionally, Mr. Martin has three years of experience assisting with forensic accounting analysis and several years of experience with small business/nonprofit organization and management.

Mr. Martin graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Accounting from the University of Arizona, Eller College of Management in May, 2018.

When you select LEA Accountancy, LLP as your Certified Public Accountants, you partner with an organization dedicated to operating at the highest level of professionalism; a firm that takes great pride in providing the best in customer service.

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LEA Accountancy, LLP Professional Rate Summary

<u>Professional</u>	<u>Rate</u>
SAM S. LESLIE Partner	\$ 585.00
MARIANNA FALCO Tax Manager & Bankruptcy Coordinator	\$ 440.00
MICHAEL KWASNOWSKI Tax and Accounting Specialist	\$ 440.00
TERRY R. FUSSELL Senior Tax Specialist	\$ 395.00
IRINA MCDONALD Tax and Accounting Specialist	\$ 335.00
THOMAS G. BALLOU Partner, Business Manager	\$ 295.00
AUSTIN MARTIN Bankruptcy Accountant	\$ 245.00
AARON ROBSON Senior Accountant	\$ 245.00

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Proposed Accountant for Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora, Chapter 7 Trustee

FOR COURT USE ONLY

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - NORTHERN DIVISION

In re:

TODD STUART KAPLAN.

CASE NO.: 9:25-bk-10686-RC

CHAPTER: 7

STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTEDNESS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSON UNDER FRBP 2014

(File with Application for Employment)

Debtor(s).

[No Hearing Required]

1. Name, address and telephone number of the professional (Professional) submitting this Statement:

Sam S. Leslie, CPA (Email: sleslie@trusteeleslie.com)

LEA Accountancy, LLP

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2. The services to be rendered by the Professional in this case are (specify): To review the Debtor's prior accounting and tax records, the petition and schedules, and estate's finances to determine appropriate treatment for tax purposes. To prepare and file all necessary tax returns. To communicate with taxing authorities, and perform and other accounting and tax services required by the Trustee. Additional services are described in the Application which are incorporated herein by this reference.

3. The terms and source of the proposed compensation and reimbursement of the Professional are (specify): The requested compensation for professional services rendered to the estate shall be based upon the time expended and at the billing rates commensurate with the experience of the professional performing the services computed at the hourly rates charged by LEA to all clients. 4. The nature and terms of retainer (i.e., nonrefundable versus an advance against fees) held by the Professional are (specify):

No retainer has been received or is requested.

- 5. The investigation of disinterestedness made by the Professional prior to submitting this Statement consisted of (specify):
 - I directed a conflicts check to be performed to determine whether LEA represents a party holding a claim or other adverse interest against the Debtor. Based on our comprehensive investigation, I determined that no potential or actual conflicts of interest exist. Thus, based upon these conflicts checks, I have determined that LEA does not represent any party or person holding a claim or adverse interest against the Debtor, and I have therefore concluded that the LEA is "disinterested" as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(14).
- 6. The following is a complete description of all of the Professional's connections with the Debtor, principals of the Debtor, insiders, the Debtor's creditors, any other party or parties in interest, and their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):
 N/A.
- 7. The Professional is not a creditor, an equity security holder or an insider of the Debtor, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):

 N/A.
- 8. The Professional is not and was not, within 2 years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer or employee of the Debtor.
- 9. The Professional does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtor, or for any other reason, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):
 N/A.
- 10. Name, address and telephone number of the person signing this Statement on behalf of the Professional and the relationship of such person to the Professional (specify):
 - Sam S. Leslie, CPA Partner. (See No.1 for Address/Telephone.)

11.	The Professional is not a relative or employee of the United States trustee or a bankruptcy judge,	except as follows
	(specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):	

N/A.

- 12. Total number of attached pages of supporting documentation: N/A.
- 13. After conducting or supervising the investigation described in paragraph 5 above, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct except that I declare that paragraphs 6 through 9 are stated on information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct

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Sam S. Leslie

Printed Name

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    JUDGE, THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, DEBTOR, ALL CREDITORS AND OTHER
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    INTERESTED PARTIES:
         PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Nancy Hoffmeier Zamora, the duly
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    appointed, qualified and acting Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee")
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    in the above-captioned case, has filed an application under
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1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On November 14, 2025, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.						
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